

1M4U apolitical event, says Deputy Minister

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KOTA SAMARAHAN: Programme 1 Malaysia for Youth (1M4U) emphasised on promoting volunteerism among the youth. It is a non political organisation whereby all the volunteers will not be involved in the forth coming 13th general election, said Deputy Minister of Home Affair (KDN) Datuk Lee Chee Leong.

He added that the programme aimed to nurture and cultivate volunteerism among the youths to give back to the community.

"It has got nothing to do with politics and all the volunteers under the programme are free to support political parties they preferred as Malaysia is a democratic nation," he said.

Speaking to the media after launching the 1KDN peaceful gathering event and Gaza Emergency fund-raising programme (state level) at Arena Gemilang Hall of University Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS) here yesterday, he disclosed that one of the achievements done by his Ministry in 2011 was to activate volunteerism through Malaysia Volunteers Corps (RELA), Malaysian Civil Defence Force (JPAM), National



FOR REMEMBRANCE... Datuk Lee Chee Leong (standing centre, second row) in a group photograph with the volunteers after launching the 1KDN peaceful gathering event and Gaza Emergency fund-raising programme (state level) at Arena Gemilang Hall of University Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS) here yesterday.

Anti-Drug Agency (AADK) and Malaysian Royal Police (PDRM).

Apart from that, KDN Youth Squad programme also provide more opportunities for the youth to join volunteer activities.

Meanwhile, he disclosed that the Gaza Emergency Fund Raising Programme by KGN Youth Squad had successfully raised RM570,000 on 15 January which would be handed over to *Yayasan Keamanan*

Sedunia Perdana (PGPF).

Also present were the Deputy Secretary (Administration) of the Home Ministry, directors and heads of government departments.